(*a*) that this tank is resorted to by a good number of people for bathing purposes ;

(*b*) that the locality is full of dwelling houses ; and

(*c*) that the road running along the western bank of this tank, where this night-soil shed is erected, is used by the student public in the morning and evening and the office and court-attending public during the rest of the day on account of its shady nature ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to consider the removal of this shed from that locality ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is not at present used as a night-soil cartstand. The Municipal Council has an idea of using it for the office of the Puttanchantai Sanitary Inspector ; and the evil may be removed thereby.

Selection of Boy Peons in the Account Office.

56. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the boy peons appointed in the Account Office ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were Pulaya (Panchama) boys among the applicants ; and whether any one of them was appointed, and, if not, the reasons for the same ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No boy peons have yet been appointed in the Account Office. The selection of some boys for appointment in the menial staff was notified and intending applicants were required to present themselves *in person*. There was no Pulaya boy among the applicants who so appeared. The selection was made of the smartest of the boys. There was a Pulaya applicant, but he had omitted to present himself in person as required in the notification. There is no information whether he is a boy or a man.

Change of Name of Reformed Syrians into Mar Thoma Syrians.

57. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to change the designation "Reformed Syrians" now applied to the "Mar Thoma Syrians" in Government documents, to the latter (Mar Thoma Syrians), that being the designation which that community has accepted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : "Mar Thoma Syrians" is the designation usually adopted in Government documents.

Introduction of Shorthand and Typewriting as Optional Subjects in English Schools.

58. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : (1) Are the Government aware that, according to the Education Code, shorthand, typewriting, etc., have been included as optional subjects for the English School Leaving Examination ?

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